Acctamide Bromid eMethylate

(b) if so, what was the source of its procurement and the price of procurement during the last three years, yearwise;

(c) what quantity was consumed during the last three years, yearwise;

(d) whether it is a fact that M/s. Cadila and M/s. Unichem are also using this item; and

(e) if so, what are the sources of their procurement and the quantity procured by each during the last three years, yearwise and the price of each procurement?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (e) Details will be collected from the concerned companies and placed on the Table of the House.

Working of Special Team to determine the overcharged amounts from drug companies

909. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 29th July, 1990 captioned "Centre may issue notice to drug Industry soon";

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Special Team suppressed facts and committed frauds;

(c) what were the circumstances under which the Special Team ignorned the findings of the Supreme Court and the records in the matter of Baralgon Ketone; and

(d) what steps have been taken to inquire into the whole matter?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

((b) to (d) A number of complaints were received against the findings of the Special Team. It was, therefore, decided to review the findings. This process is in progress. The questions of any action on the findings would arise only after the liabilities including those in the case of Baralgon Katone, are finalised.

Assessment by Special Team to determine the overcharged amounts from drug companies

910. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the drug companies involved in Supreme Court cases were bound to keep details as per the undertaking given by them;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as per undertaking records of production, purchases and sales were to be kept;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Special Team did not ask for the details in writing;

(d) when the companies were asked to provide details required for assessment of liability and when the details were provided by each;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the Special Team did not verify the details provided by the companies;

(f) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(g) whether it is also a fact that companies did not provide the calculations to Special Team; and

(h) if so, what action has been taken against the Team and the authority which accepted their findings?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (h) While determining the final liability of the companies, the legal position and the provisions of Drug Prices Control Order would kept in view. The process of review of the findings of the Special Team in the Supreme Court case and finalisation of the liabilities in other cases is already in progress.